PATENT

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REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-16, 18-31 and 33-35 are pending. By this Amendment, claims 2, 17 and 32 are canceled and claims 1 and 3-8 are amended.

The Decision by the Board affirmed the rejections of claims 1, 17 and 32 and reversed the rejections of claims 2-16, 18-31 and 33-35.

Accordingly, in order to place the current application in condition for allowance, Applicants amend claim 1 to include the limitations of claim 2 therein, amend claims 3-8 to depend from claim 1 and canceled claims 2, 17 and 32.

The Office is authorized to charge any fees due for this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17 to Deposit Account No. 11-0600.

Should there be any questions concerning this matter, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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